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In re Application of:

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For: HOLDING DEVICE FOR MONOLITHIC SORBENTS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2002, it is requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 5 to read as follows (a marked up version of the amended claims is in an appendix attached hereto):

5. (Amended) A method of making an encased monolithic ceramic sorbent according to claim 1, comprising:

- a) providing a monolithic ceramic sorbent comprising at least one porous ceramic moulding, and
- b) providing a liquid-impermeable, pressure-resistant fitted polymer casing around the ceramic sorbent.

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